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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1494

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 31, 2010

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Public Safety Training Matters.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Hinkle

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: *Public Safety Training Facilities-* The bill prohibits local governments from constructing police or fire training facilities costing more than \$75,000 unless construction of the facility is approved by the county fiscal body.

Fire Officer Training- The bill imposes training requirements on individuals who serve as administrative fire officers, as executive fire officers, or in any other position (as determined by the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education) in which the person holding the position is responsible for fire ground operations. The bill requires individuals serving in such positions on or after December 31, 2012, to complete training for Fire Officer I or its equivalent (as defined by the board) within one year. The bill provides that the board may grant an individual not more than two six-month extensions to complete the required training.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Public Safety Training Facilities-* The impact of this provision on local expenditures is indeterminable and would depend on local action. In fire protection districts, fire protection territories, or police jurisdictions that cross county boundaries, the fiscal body of the county with the majority of the population in the unit wishing to build the facility would be the deciding body for the entire unit.

Fire Officer Training- The number of persons affected by this provision is unknown. Local firefighting units may require additional expenditures to provide Fire Officer I training to a person electing to remain or be appointed to the position of chief or deputy chief.

Background: Fire Officer I Training Requirements- In order to qualify for Fire Officer I, a candidate must have completed at least the Firefighter II and First-Class Firefighter requirements one year prior to receiving Fire Officer I status. Additionally, the candidate must also be certified in Fire-Officer strategy/tactics and as an Instructor I. If the candidate meets the prior criteria, then they must pass the minimum training standards for a Fire Officer I in *NFPA 1021, Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications, Chapter 4, 2003, Edition*.

There are six areas under NFPA 1021 that a candidate for Fire Officer I certification must pass in order to receive certification. The areas include human resource management, community and government, administration, inspection and investigation, emergency service delivery, and health and safety.

Fire Protection Districts and Territories- As of September 2010, there were only two known territories and one known district that crossed county lines. Currently, there are 65 known fire protection districts and seven known fire protection territories.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties, townships, municipalities, fire departments, fire protection districts and territories.

Information Sources: Department of Homeland Security; 655 IAC 1-2.1-8; LOGODABA.

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